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#### Topsy-Turvy Land.

Haiti has been suffering from revolutionary fits and nightmares for more than a century. The trouble began back in the days of the French revolution, when the blacks and mulattoes, inflamed by events across the sea, rose up, and, after a bloody struggle, drove their French masters out of power. Since then tranquillity has been a rare state in the history of the unfortunate neighbor of Santo Domingo.

Monarchical and republican forms of government have changed places one with the other, as if it were all part of some nursery game; but back of these transformations have been scenes as forbidding as any to be found in history. Graft, murder, disorder, and demoralization have combined to reduce the Haitians to a stage of moral, intellectual, and industrial decay as low, if not lower, than may be found nowadays in central Africa.

Haiti may have possibilities. But they can never be realized under the present topsy-turvy system.

#### Senator William Pinkney Whyte.

From a seat in the Legislature of United States Senate in 1908, the Italy: public career of William Pinkney Whyte, covering almost sixty-one years, is one of the most remarkable in American history. He was the youngest member of the Legislature in which he began his public life, and the oldest member of the Senate at the time of his death.

A mere catalogue of the offices held by him during nearly twothirds of a century of his active life would be too long to print, striking as it would be. He was a Senator from Maryland in 1868, so that the remarkable span of forty years separated his first from his last Senator. He served his State and his home city of Baltimore in alcity attorney and charter commissioner of his city; legislator, attorney general, treasurer, and governor of his State; delegate to nadistinguished services.

Senator Whyte was, indeed, in a marvelous way a link between the present and the past. His career began before the Mexican war. It embraced half-the magical halfof the constitutional life of this nation. His grandfather, like himself, died while a member of the Senate. His family was one of the most disstitutional days. It may well be of the American fleet. He has dysdoubted if there survives him any public servant in America whose service has covered so wide a range of activities; certainly none in whose case that service has been so long-continued. He was, indeed, the grand old man of Maryland; and Maryland was as proud of him as he was of it.

## A School for Meters.

Newton, Mass., is a town well known to us. On the edge of Boston, it has Boston's rare culture rarified. Its people are not only crudite, but rich. And they are the very embodiment of Yankee patriotism and courage.

No wonder, then, that they have taken a step which Washington has not even considered. What is that ments are diamonds, rubies, pearls, and step? It is the introduction into emeralds fashloned into quaint neckthe curriculum of its public schools of a course in the reading of gas meters. Only this, and nothing more. As the Boston Journal ob-

To the normal householder the meter is mysterious, oracular, practical, yet none the less magical, and therefore best set up in some dark corner in the cellar; in short, an object of strange, inexplicable suspicion.

Inexplicable suspicion.

For, of course, there is no logical reason to suspect it of trickery or witchcraft. Do not directions how to read it go with it? And is not the official reader willing to initiate the skeptical and inquisitive into the mysteries of it? And doesn't it always seem simple and convincing—his brief talk on the subject?

Yes, and yes again; and yet there remains the baseless fear or ignorance which the Newton school authorities have determined to eradicate. Presumably, the Newton people have had bad attacks of meteritis.

What of this course? "There seems to be none more popular with the pupils." "Indeed," says the Journal, "there is a feeling in Newton that this pioneer course in me-

terology will lead to national reform. Since teaching the consumers themselves how to read their meters appeared to be out of the question, it was found that the next best, if not a really better method, was to teach their sons."

The Journal suggests further advances along this line: How to treat the station master when the train is late; how to appear grateful at being sold "something just as good;" how to identify the automobile as you pick yourself up; and so on. But Washington will be satisfied with only one extension, and that nearer related to the subject. It is that a post-graduate class be organized for members of the Congressional District Committees, and they be given practical demonstration on meters actually in use in the National Capital.

#### Before the Election.

Three sidelights on the prevailing ndustrial situation were provided by yesterday's news. The first is a statement by one of the prominent steamship agents in New York:

Steamship figures show that immigration is practically at a standstill. In the present year 44,712 immigrants have been landed, while in the same p.riod in 1907 139,652 landed. During the two months and thirteen days of this year 131,740 of the foreign labor element have left the United States for their homes abroad. During the same period in 1907 the number of outgoing was but 43,642, or \$8,098 less than have gone this year.

The second is a part of a Wash ington dispatch dealing with the discussion in Congress of the causes and effects of the recent panic:

and effects of the recent panic:

Representative Willetts of New York today offered proof of the pinching aftermath among the union workingmen of New York. He read a letter, which was ordered printed in the Record, from Samuel A. Stodel, financial secretary of the New York Independent Council of Independent World Workers, giving the total of unemployed workers in the organized trades in New York city as 147,590, of whom 70,000 were in the building trades alone. Representative Willetts also submitted an estimate from the same authority of the unemployed among unorganized trades, numbering 356,000 of which 110,000 are mechanics, making a grand total of 503,500.

The third, part of a cablegram

The third, part of a cablegram from Rome, touches on the distress-Maryland in 1847, to a seat in the ful industrial situation in southern

The number of unemployed in the province of Bari is constantly increasing on account of the great crowds returning from America. Many of the half-starved people who have been unable to get work have invaded the fields, and insisted on working until they were expelled by the police.

Congressmen who think to spend the session in talk "just before the election," and so to pass over needed currency, corporation, waterway, and tariff legislation, would better read the newspapers.

Secretary Taft didn't need to explain that he kissed the Blarney stone, un-less possibly on the theory that he owed it to that famous geological specimen to clear away any suspicion that perservice in that chamber. He was twice appointed and twice elected tues by kissing Secretary Taft.

his home city of Baltimore in al-most every office to which he was the activity of Congress in the direction eligible-councilman and mayor and of preventing the shipment of liquor into "dry" districts.

dropped off the twenty-third story of New York politics, we hope he'll leave tional conventions, and member of the address of his scenic painter, so that various State and national commissions which performed difficult and things even as Tim has been wont to do.

> Grover Cleveland is seventy-one years old today, but in a recent article he proved that there's nothing to the Osler heory by writing another sentence longer than any he had ever produced pefore, and believed to be the largest in captivity.

Squadrons and fleets of warships hich happen to be skating around the high seas with ambitions for trouble are notified not to get tangled up with pepsia, and is known in the service as 'Vinegar Bill.'

By the time Senator La Follette had got loaded for action, he discovered that the target wasn't there. But he went right on shooting, anyhow.

Honestly, that Haltian situation i nardly less barbarous than if the turbulent little republic were a section of the lynching belt of the United States. This great and powerful Government ought to step right in and restore civlized conditions.

When Pan-American matters are at the front, they just can't get along without their old friend W. I. Buchanan,

#### and so they just don't try to. JEWELS OF SIAM'S QUEEN.

One of the finest collections of jewels in the world is owned by the Queen of Siam. The walls of her bed chamber are literally ablaze with precious stones while in a safe in her majesty's apartaces of fabulous value.

One little article alone, intended to serve as a thimble, is in the shape of a lotus flower, and is valued at £15,000. The King, too, possesses a wonderful

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# When Will Congress Raise Pay of Clerks? PLAN FOR CONGRESS \$5 For Best Answer Likely That Legislation for



A Government clerk met Representative Tawney, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, the other day. With proper obeisance and due humility, he asked the autocrat of the Government's pocketbook when Uncle Sam's employes might reasonably hope for higher salaries.

Said Tawney, as he ran for cover:

"Congress will raise the pay of Government clerks when--" The last of the answer was lost in the violent waves of atmosphere that his speed of retreat occasioned.

What was the rest of the sentence?

Send your answer to the Question Editor, Washington Times. The person submitting the best answer will receive five dollars. The answer may be from one to twenty-five words. All replies MUST be written on postal cards and contain full name and address of sender. Answers will be accepted until 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and the name of the person submitting the best reply will be published in The Sunday

Answers to the above question are growing in numbers, and it is possible, therefore, to print only those that possess some degree of originality. The following have been selected:

"When Mann keeps his seat long." When the butterfly marries the bee, And the owl the porcupine; When churches are built in the sea,

And seven times three are nine."
Norman St. John. 667 F street northeast. "When the Judgment Day comes, Of course they're, all shirks; But we'll then raise the pay Of the Government clerks." T. B. Young.

"When Bryan is elected."

Michaell Hargan Wood.

231 C street northeast. Just listen to what I say, That at present you'll get no mor

That at present you'll get no more pay;
With the old age bill to fight,
And prohibition in sight,
We have no time to consider you pay."
Lewis B. Cooke.
20 Washington street, Anacostia.

"When doctors take what they prescribe And lawyers halve their fees, That happy day of increased pay Has come, and come to stay." Lester A. Maus.

3242 Q street northwest.

"When Bryan is in the White House anama Canal completed, Ben Till-ceases to scrap, and District citi-Mae C, McMichael.

208 D street northwest

"When, on St. Patrick's Day, No Irish green is seen, We'll raise the poor cierk's pay; But not before, I ween. D. B. Reagan.

803 Fourth street northwest, "When Taft is President."
John C. Schwarzmann.
513 Eleventh street southeast.

"When the eagle hollers let me go!"
F. M. Williams.
55 H street northwest.

Says Mr. Tawney, who looks so

brawny for a schooner.
You'll get nigher pay on judgment day,
And not a d—n bit sooner."
Charles A. Freeman.
1373 Emerson street northeagt.

"Some future day
They'li raise your pay,
If it's only raised a dollar,
And then we'll see
If you will be
Making another holler."
Celia Bernhardt.

When the Atlantic ocean has a quilt upon its bed, And hair commences growing on Fel-lowrocker's head."

Miss K. E. Nagele. 939 Massachusetts avenue northwest "When pebbles turn to diamonds,
And nights turns to days;
The clerks will get their raise."
G. Vaughn Seibold.
2703 Eleventh street northwest.

"When Roosevelt gets his third term."
Edna G. Poole.
Station F, Piney Branch road, Bright-

"When the Washington Gas Company owers the price of gas." Fred Williams. 60 Franklin street, Anacostia.

When the nightingale stops singing.
And the mocking birds weer vests,
And the sun sets in the Easter skies,
And rises in the West."
Sylvan Grosner.
939 Massachusetts avenue northwest. "When Washington becomes a pro-shiftion town." George V. Seitz. 2323 Ontario avenue northwest,

When the railroad to the moon is built,
And the Panama Canal is dug;
And improvements made in the Brightwood line,
That will be time enough."
Charles H. Flynn.
608 Park road northwest.

The expedition sent spains broken out at Shiraz,
and the governor has no military force
with which to restore order, though he
several times has asked for reinforcements.

The expedition sent spains the insur-

"When Mann keeps his seat long enough to pass the bill." H. R. Sanders. Hyattsville, Md.

"When Stillings and the audit system meet again." R. L. Brown.
506 Seventh street southwest.

"When 'In God We Trust' comes off the coins again." George P. Bateman. 1016 Georgia avenue southeast.

"When I get a job." II. S. Soper. 320 Eleventh street southeast.

"When the women begin to vote."
Misa Belle Stanton.
311 C street northwest.

"When lobbyists come to push your bill With eloquence, like trusts, make way;
The House and Senate on the hill Will gladly raise your pay."

William A. Larkin.
930 New York avenue northwest.

"When Congress lessens the pay of its own members." Joseph Darnall, 1618 Fifteenth street, "When it snows in August."

Marie Colbert.
213 Twelfth street northeast.

"When statesmen all grow big enough to manage that 'Do unto others' prob-

William A. Larkin. 930 New York avenue northwest

"When they are consistent enough to admit that the same conditions that justified an increase in their own salaries applies to the clerks."

William P. Doyle.

"When Ben dines with Booker at a bar-becue or feast; When the sun rises in the west and sets in the east."

John Anschutz. 1008 Park road northwest.

"When the Panama canal is com-leted." W. B. Richardson. 707 Twenty-second street northwest.

When the moon shines with the noon day sun,
And night turns into day;
When rivers run up hills,
Then Congress will raise their pay."
J. Sydnor Oliff.
1109 Fifth street southeast.

"When the Congressional scion
Obeys the Golden Rule;
When the lamb lies down with the lion
And "Truth's Temple' the frequente
school."
Bradley Heyl.
312 Indiana avenue northwest.

## REFORM IS PLANNED FOR PERSIAN ARM

TEHERAN, March 18 .- At yesterday's ditting of the national assembly the ninister of war informed the house that he intended to reorganize the Persian army. The whole force, he said, would quarters at Teheran. The other cer ers would be Kerman, Azerbajdjan, Khorassan, and Fars. From each regi-ment one-third of the men will serve wo years consecutively with the colors other third taking their places in the service. The first army corps will be enrolled at Teheran.

A commission was appointed to study the project of the minister of war. Trouble has again broken out at Shiraz,

When a citizen firms a policeman gost the government 6,000 tomans.

# CHANGES IN NAVY

Reorganization Will Come Next Session.

Discussion of Reform Will Be Heard in Both Houses.

While little has been heard of late about the movement for the reorganiza-tion of the Navy Department, save for the fact that the hearings prompted by the Reuterdahl charges are being conducted by the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, it is likely more will be heard about it before the session closes. On the House side, Representative Dawson introduced a reorganization bill, calculated to consolidate some of the bureaus and concentrate authority in the Navy Department and to simplify its organization. This bill has been held back until the naval appropriation bill is out of the way.

It is expected in the discussion in the House on the naval bill, more or less will be brought out concerning the present organization and the allegations that by reason of jealousy and conflict of authority among different bureaus the efficiency of the depart-ment is greatly crippled.

#### May Act Next Session.

It is deemed improbable there will be of the Navy Department at this session of Congress, but it is hoped by those interested in such reorganization that the subject will be gone into far enough to make legislation possible next winter. It is possible the House Committee on Naval Affairs will conluct some hearings before the session is over. But more important than this s the fact that under the direction of the Navy Department consolidation of shops is being tried at some of the navy yards for the purpose of ascertaining whether these yards cannot be run more economically. A plan of conolidation and reorganization has been decided on for Brooklyn and Bosto decided on for Brooklyn and Boston, and is likely to be extended to other yards, taking the place of the system long in vogue whereby different bureaus maintain separate shops and plants in the same yards, a policy the members of the House Naval Affairs Committee who inspected yards last summer condemned as expensive and upseconomical

uneconomical.

Thus, it appears, something has already been accomplished in the way of concentration without legislation. It is expected the data obtained from the concentration of shops in different yards will later be submitted to Congress for its information, probably next winter.

#### Second Assistant Secretary.

Further than this, the President is giving favorable consideration to a plan of trying to get Congress to provide for a second Assistant Secretary in the Navy Department, this official to be an experienced naval officer who would advise the head of the Navy Department on technical and military mat-ters. The Dawson bill provides for this, Mr. Dawson said today that if this plan could be carried through and re-organization of the shops in a number of the yards carried out, he would con-sider an important beginning had been made to putting the Navy Department on a better and more businesslike basis. partment on technical and mintary mat

## Helpless Bivalves Robbed of Pearls In Glare of Light

ysters from Bluepoint, L. I., who have eration. een visiting relatives at Stroub's res taurant on East 125th street, were held up and robbed of their pearl ornaments n Monday night by Herman Roemer, of 145 West 138th street. It was one of the most daring jewel robberies ever ecorded in Harlem.

Roemer turned the booty over to his wife, who was with him at the time, nd the two escaped from the place in the confusion that followed when th bysters discovered they had been touched off." One of the pearls, a flat one and the size of a shirt stud, has seen assayed at \$250; the other, a stee gray about the size of a pea, is said to

e worth \$350. Mr. and Mrs, Roemer dropped into the restaurant after the theater. The waiter brought them oysters on the half shell and Roemer was busy embalining then preparatory to burial when he noticed a steely glitter just under the chin of ne of the bivalves. He investigated a little further, and wher, he drg out the they trade plates.

"You can have it," said Roemer, T've heard that pearls travel in pairs, and during his illness consulted and was and maybe I can dig up one for my-

self."

Then he put each of the remaining oysters through the third degree. He turned them around so fast they got dizzy. He sounded them with the butt end of his fork, and when he struck a hard substance on the forehead of one of the flock he pried it loose with his fork. It dropped on his plate with a clatter. All the diners in Roemer's vicinity had been watching his pearrl hunt, and when they saw him draw down two prizes there was a demand for oysters that depleted the stock in a very few minutes.

"I've just conducted an autopsy on thirty-seven of them things," said one sceptical individual. "I tore them limb from limb, but there was nothing doing in the jewelry line. That fellow must be a magician."

But Roemer says he isn't.

#### CLAM AND RAT FIGHT: FORMER WINS VICTORY

VINELAND, N. J., March 18.-When James Legg opened his restaurant this morning he found a large rat dancing and then would go into the reserve, an- to one foot. The rodent was crazy with rage and pain and put up a lively fight before it was killed.

The clam's shell had to be broken with a hammer before the rat could be released.

### WITHOUT DOUBT.

"Six young men have ordered violets for that girl today," remarked the florist. "Great competition for her hand, I The expedition sent against the insurgents in the Veramin district has so far so the government 6,000 tomans.

take it?"

Sure. And that kind of competition is certainly the life of trade."—Expost the government 6,000 tomans.

## JAPAN MADE HELPLESS BY TREATIES OF POWERS

Recent Friction With China Shows Position of Nippon Among Nations-Unity of England and America Is Manifested.

How completely Japan has been sur-counded by the suspicion-bred alliances that the visit was one of friendship; of Western nations, has been illustrated and being in the Pacific, it has been in the development of the fact that ordered home by way of the Far East—Great Britain is bound by some sort but with Japan left out of the line of of diplomatic understanding to guaran- progress. tee China against the unfair aggres-

over the Tatsu Maru incident.

The acild's diplomety talks less about the "yellow peril" than it did a few years ago; for one reason, and the chief one, because the phrase is disagreeable to a powerful and quick-tempered nation; but diplomats point out with some satisfaction that one reason why there is less of the "yellow peril" is that Western nations have organized themselves against its menace.

"Japan's alliance with Britain was are so good that the visit of friendship is to be made to a far-away colony of Britain, in preference to Japan. Now comes the development of an undertaking by which Britain is bound to take sides with China in case the latter is the object of aggression. This situation apparently forecloses possibility of serious aggression by Japan in China, a field which, without much doubt, as diplomats view it, Japan has in mind to exploit fully. But there will be no clash of arms over the Tatsu incident, and English influence is well understood to have prevented it.

supposed, at the time it was renewed two years ago, to assure the place of Japan as rather more than an inde-pendent member of the group of first

conditions.

When there was reason to fear that relations between the United States and Japan might be strained to the breaking point, it developed very promptly that Germany was prepared to lend her sympathy to this nation in case of trouble. The Kaiser has long been the most seriously concerned of all Western rulers about the menace of Oriental competition for world-dominion.

England for America.

Then, when Japan turned toward her ally, England, she fould the tie of relationship so strong between the two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race that it menaced even her alliance. The American flect was ordered to the Pacific, in disregard of Japanese susany legislation for the reorganization ing point, it developed very promptly

It is nothing less than a snub to sions of any other power. The fact has been made public in rather vague sented; and it is still more; it is the notification that between the United States and the British Empire relations are so good that the visit of friendship.

#### Japan Being Isolated.

In short, Japan is being isolated in a fashion which seems to cut off her opportunity to reap much of the benefit owers. But Japan's ambitions, if she of the advances she has recently made. has them, for a career of expansion are

Even Russia has entered into a connone the less circumscribed by various vention with England which seems certain to remove the possibilities of se-

## Dancing to Death; Actress' Mother Appeals to Court

NEW YORK, March 18 .- Miss Maude has been delighting audiences at the Herald Square and Casino Theaters, will be forced to quit the stage if a re markable action brought by her mother

The young woman, unknown to the udiences who have applauded her, has been in a serious physical condition as the result of appendicitis and its attendant operation. All appeals to Miss Fulton herself have been in vain, hence ner mother asks the court to restrain her from appearing on the stage.

When Miss Fulton came to New York everal seasons ago she was unknown After a long and hard struggle she made a hit on the night "The Orchid" pened at the Herald Square Theater last spring. A few months prior to the opening, while Miss Fulton was dancng in "Mlle. Champagne," on the New York Theater roof, she was taken with ppendicitis, and Dr. C. J. Groeller, of 421 East 146th street, was called to see her at Bellevue Hospital, where she was a charity patient. Dr. Groller was a friend of Mrs. J. W. Branden, mother of the girl, and had een asked to keep an eye on her bealth. NEW YORK March 18-Two lady A few weeks ago he performed an op-

Miss Fulton had not regained he strength before she began rehearsing for "Funabashi," and after that play failed she signed for vaudeville. Her first appearance on the variety stage was made at the Colonial Theater Mon-

day night.

Dr. Groeller says that another year of dancing would cause Miss Pulton's death. Miss Fulton says she intends to go on dancing, and doesn't believe the courts can stop her, as she is of age.

## Thirteen Haunts Pennsylvania Man In Long Illness

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 18 .-Thirteen figured with a frequency to arouse superstition in the death of ornament his better half insisted that James M. Kline, hotelkeeper, of Blooms-

He became ill thirteen months ago treated by thirteen physicians.

Two operations were performed upor m, and at each the doctors, nurses, He and attendants present numbered thirpital, there are just thirteen letters.

## Basket Catches Baby; Falls Three Stories Without a Scratch

NEW YORK, March 18 .- Lucky for our-year-old Marion Suttero that the lid vas off a capacious market basket when she fumbled from the third-story win-dow of her home, 109 Kingsland avenue, Williamsburg. Miss Marion's flight hrough space was accomplished with o more serious results than the scare o the good market woman, who told he police that some one had thrown

a baby at her. The woman refused to give her name, ut when she recovered from her fright she made a few observations about care-

Miss Marion was taking a sun bath in the front window of her home. A dcture book absorbed her attention until strains of music floated up from the paventent. Ther she climbed up on her chair to get a better look at the mudcians. She saw them on the curb and

sicians. She saw them on the curb and she saw also a dozen little girls dancing. She pushed the window up with her chubby fists and leaned far out. She started to clap her hands and lost her balance.

Mrs. Suttero saw her little girl topple off the sill. She shrieked and her cries that Marion had been killed brought all the tenants in the house to the street, But Marion had fallen nicely into the

But Marion had fallen nicely into the woman's basket. Mrs. Suttero rushed into the crowd to find that Marion had been carried to the Herbert street police station.

"Not a scratch on her," said Dr. Reilly, of St. Catherine's Hospital, as he placed Marion in her mother's arms. After she had smothered the little girl with kisses and tears she fainted. In half an hour mother and daughter returned home.

# "FARMS" ON HOUSE TOP;

NEW YORK, March 18 .- "Said dooran is charged with a violation of subivision A of rule 5, by keeping one hen and three chickens in the cupola on the roof of the 172d precinct police station,' is the wording of part of the complaint filed at police headquarters, Brooklyn, yesterday against Doorman Patrick J. Dunne. The complaint was made by Capt. John H. Kelly, in command of the Parkville station.

The station is on the Ocean Boulevard. It is a large three-story frame structure, which was formerly used as

him, and at each the doctors, nurses, and attendants present numbered thirteen. In the name of the place where the operation took place, Ratti Hospital, there are just thirteen letters.

On the day Kline died thirteen physicians, members of the Columbia County Medical Society, took dinner at his hotel. When the hotel closed that day thirteen dollars and thirteen nickels were in the cash register.

He was burled on Friday, the 13th, and there were thirteen floral emblems on his coffin.

Patrick bought an able-bodied hen, blind-foided and gagged her so he could steal into the station without the bird's stalarming the men, and secreted her in the cupola, Patrick always did want to own a farm. He left Mrs. Hen there with a few crumbs. His subsequent mysterious movements about the station caused Captain Kelly to put detectives on the case. They followed Pat to the cupola, where they found him yesterday admiring Mrs. Hen and three little chicks that had been hatched the day before.

Pat will be tried for using the station for other "than police business." Patrick bought an able-bodied hen,

## Will You Speak for the Poor?

Your church is asked to take up a Sunday morning collection. Your children's Sunday school is invited to help the suffering little children in destitute homes.

Your Christian Endeavor Society, or Epworth League, or Young People's Union is urged to lend a hand. Your labor union should help.

Your fraternal order is naturally interested in charity. If you belong to any of these or to any other organization, help

to make it helpful in the united effort of the whole community to relieve, befriend, and upbuild the needy. Address the Joint Finance Committee, 811 G street, for the Asso-

ciated Charities, Citizens' Relief Association, and Committee on Prevention of Consumption.

# POLICE ARREST HIM